Claims:

1. A metallic article of an orthodontic archwire or dental crown having a color different from its original metallic gloss.

2. The metallic article as claimed in claim 1, which is an orthodontic archwire.

3. The metallic article as claimed in Claim 2, wherein the color of said orthodontic archwire is formed by an anodizing treatment.

4. The metallic article as claimed in Claim 2, wherein said orthodontic archwire is made of an alloy mainly consisting of β-Ti.

5. The metallic article as claimed in Claim 2, wherein said orthodontic archwire is made of an alloy mainly consisting of Ni and Ti.

6. The metallic article as claimed in Claim 2, wherein said orthodontic archwire is made of an alloy mainly consisting of stainless steel.

7. The metallic article as claimed in Claim 2, wherein the color of said orthodontic archwire is blue, yellow, purple, green, golden, or tawny.

8. The metallic article as claimed in claim 1, which is a dental crown.

9. The metallic article as claimed in Claim 8, wherein the color of said orthodontic archwire is formed by an anodizing treatment.

10. The metallic article as claimed in Claim 8, wherein said dental crown is made of an alloy mainly consisting of Ni and Cr.

11. The metallic article as claimed in Claim 8, wherein said dental crown is made of an alloy mainly consisting of Ni.

12. The metallic article as claimed in Claim 8, wherein said dental crown is made of an alloy mainly consisting of stainless steel.

13. The metallic article as claimed in Claim 8, wherein the color of said dental crown is blue, yellow, purple, green, golden, or tawny.

14. A method for preparing a colored metal article of an orthodontic archwire or dental crown, which comprises the following steps:

a) cleaning a metallic article; and

b) performing an anodizing treatment on the cleaned metallic article from step a) in order to obtain a color on the surface of said metallic article different from its original metallic gloss, wherein an electrolytic solution used in said anodizing treatment is an acidic aqueous solution.

15. The method as claimed in Claim 14, wherein an operation voltage of said anodizing treatment is 5 V - 60 V.

16. The method as claimed in Claim 14, wherein said metallic article is made of an alloy mainly consisting of β-Ti, and said electrolytic solution is an aqueous solution of a sulfate.

17. The method as claimed in Claim 14, wherein said metallic article is made of an alloy mainly consisting of Ni and Ti, and said electrolytic solution is an aqueous solution of a sulfate.

18. The method as claimed in Claim 14, wherein the color on the surface of said metallic article is blue, yellow, purple, green, golden, or tawny.

19. The method as claimed in Claim 14, wherein said cleaning comprises immersing said metallic article in an acidic aqueous solution.

20. The method as claimed in Claim 19, wherein said acidic aqueous solution is an aqueous solution of hydrochloric acid.